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Recent Data Updates (In the past 3 months)

- *Private Institution Transfer (2005)*
- *Private Institution First-Time Freshmen (2005)*

Upcoming Data Updates (Within the next 60 days)

- *Public Institution Enrollment (2006)*
- *Public Institution Degrees & Certificates Awarded (2006)*

New Information at CPEC



Welcome to the July, 2007 edition of the CPEC newsletter, *Bits of Data*. The intended audience for this publication is the analyst or the layperson interested in accessing information and data about higher education in California. The [California Postsecondary Education Commission](#) (CPEC) periodically announces, through this publication, the availability of new data sets, updates to existing data, and new research.

This month, the 2006 data from the public segments have arrived in-house. Most of these data are now available through the Commission's website.

In this issue we also highlight an important state-wide resource: The [California Department of Finance Demographic, Economic and Financial Research Unit](#).

Recent Data and Data Updates

Detailed explanations have been added for each of the reports available in the Customized Reports section.

Public enrollment, transfer and degree data (Fall, 2006) from the University of California (UC) and the California Community Colleges (CCC) have been processed and made available for your use. Degree data (2006) from the California State University (CSU) system have also been received and processed but enrollment and transfer data are still pending. Please note Affected web pages:

- [Customized Data Reports, Enrollment](#) – All reports
- [Customized Data Reports, Degrees](#) – All reports
- [Customized Data Reports, Transfer](#) – All Fall-Term public reports
- [Statewide Snapshots](#) – All enrollment and degree snapshots
- [Data mining](#) – All reports

The [School Codes / Crosswalk](#) web page is updated monthly. Look towards the bottom of the page to see last update dates.

New Applications

Along with our data releases, Commission staff members are pleased to offer a new, exciting, application this month. *Freshmen Pathways* is similar to our Transfer Pathways product. It will be used by many of our users interested in First-time Freshmen trend data. This tool is discussed in more detail below. Please provide us with feedback on this application. We are very excited about it and would like to know how it can assist you.

Education Links

- [CA Postsecondary Education Commission](#)
- [Department of Education](#)
- [University of California](#)
- [California State University](#)
- [CA Community Colleges](#)
- [Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education](#)
- [US Department of Education](#)

Freshmen Pathways

The [**Freshmen Pathways**](#) page allows the user to study the relationship of First-Time Freshmen between California public colleges and California high schools for the past 15 years. A "conduit" or "pathway" exists between high schools and colleges. Feeder high schools and high schools that consistently send a larger number of students to specific colleges are identified as having large conduits or pathways. The largest pathway is highlighted in **blue**. It represents a pathway (or First-Time Freshmen) of an average of 50+ students over the time period. The next largest pathway representing an average of 10 - 49 students is highlighted in **green**.

Users can select any public college on the list, or search for any high school using the search function on the page. Selecting a college will show all high schools that sent students over the past 15 years. Searching for, and selecting a high school will show all colleges where the students attended as First-Time Freshmen. System-wide data are also available with or without aggregation by high school.

Data displayed are the sending or receiving type of institution, the distance between the high school and college, and the numbers of First-time freshmen over the past 15 years.

Highlight: California Demographics

In this issue, we highlight the wonderful work performed by the [staff](#) of the [Demographic Research Unit](#) of the California Department of Finance. In case you didn't know, they are designated as the single official source of demographic data for state planning and budgeting. The Commission uses these data extensively in many of our reports analyzing future trends in the state.

Some recently released data include:

- [**Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity for California and its counties, 2000-2050**](#), has just been released and is available on the DOF website. This new data series contains a variety of reports/files reflecting long range population projections by age, sex, and race/ethnicity.
- [**They Moved and Went Where: California's Migration Flow, 1995-2000**](#), and is available on the DOF website. It contains a section on educational attainment cross-referenced by selected demographic, socio-economic, and housing characteristics. The data for this report are from the U.S. Census Bureau's "1995-2000 County-to-County Migration Data" and are derived from the Census 2000 long-form sample data.
- [**The annual California Current Population Survey Report**](#) based on the U.S. Census Bureau's 2005 March supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS), is available on the DOF website. The March supplement to the CPS contains detailed demographic, socio-economic, and housing data, including data on educational attainment that is also cross-referenced by race/ethnicity, sex, type of degree, and income. The 2006 March supplement will be forthcoming.

Be sure to check out the What's New box on the [Demographic Research](#) page for other recently released reports and data. The [California County Profiles](#) and the [California Statistical Abstract](#) are also very useful. The Demographic Research Unit has several data releases planned by the end of the year. Check with them frequently.

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The [Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education](#) (BPPVE) ceased operations on June 30, 2007. The Bureau approved and oversaw about 1,500 degree-granting and vocational schools. On July 12, AB1525 was signed into law. This bill allows the Department of Consumer Affairs to enter into voluntary agreements with for-profit teaching institutions to abide by state rules so the institutions can remain in good standing through January 31, 2008.

CPEC Website... and YOU!

Have you seen the [CPEC website](#) recently? Most folks really like the new look and feel. It is easier on the eyes but you should still be able find things easily. Please let us know what works what doesn't. We are very interested in your opinion, and, as many of you know, very responsive. Many changes to the website are made because of comments and requests by you, our customers. Let us know if we need to add other data, reports, etc. It never hurts to ask and we are very responsive.

Feedback – For more information

Let us know what you would like to see in the *Bits of Data*. Drop us a line at Data_Request@cpec.ca.gov and share your thoughts. We want to hear from you.